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Man survives bear encounter

By Angelica Blenich

A 30-year-old resident of Haliburton is recovering after he came face to face with a bear Sunday, Aug. 24.

Thomas (TJ) Wilkinson was at his home on Wonderland Road going about his regular routine when the unexpected happened.

During the evening hours Wilkinson opened the door to let his French bulldog, named Hugo out to go to the bathroom. Shortly after he heard a loud yelp.

"I opened the door and saw that the bear had my dog in his mouth," said Wilkinson.

He turned back towards his house to try and find something to make a loud noise with, but in the span of mere moments the bear turned on him.

"Within the time I turned around to get something the bear was charging at me," he said.

Wilkinson put his arms up to defend himself but said the bear grabbed him and bit his side.

He was able to then break free and get inside the house, as was the dog.

Wilkinson proceeded to grab the keys to his truck to set of the alarm, hoping the sound would antagonize the animal.

"I then got in my truck and drove myself to the [Haliburton] hospital," he said. The next day he received further treatment in Lindsay.

The incident has left Wilkinson with a mark on his stomach that's about three inches wide by six inches long and three and a half inches deep, he said. There are also scratches along his hip.

Daily dressings to the wounds are being done by medical staff who visit Wilkinson at his home.

"In quite a bit of pain," he said when asked how he's feeling.

His dog is recovering well, says Wilkinson, who realizes the entire incident could have been much worse.

"Obviously there's that fear that you could have [died]," he said. "It's not like I went out there thinking I was going to take on this bear."

A carpenter by day, Wilkinson expects to be off work for a couple of weeks, depending on his recovery time.

He is grateful for the support of his family, girlfriend and others over the past few days.

Looking back he doesn't think there is much he could have done differently.

"It happened so fast," he said. "You hope that it never happens at all."

Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to the incident, after being contacted by hospital staff, but have since turned the investigation over to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

In their investigation, the MNRF is conducting interviews and examining the site where the incident took place, said Jolanta Kowalski, senior media relations officer for MNRF.

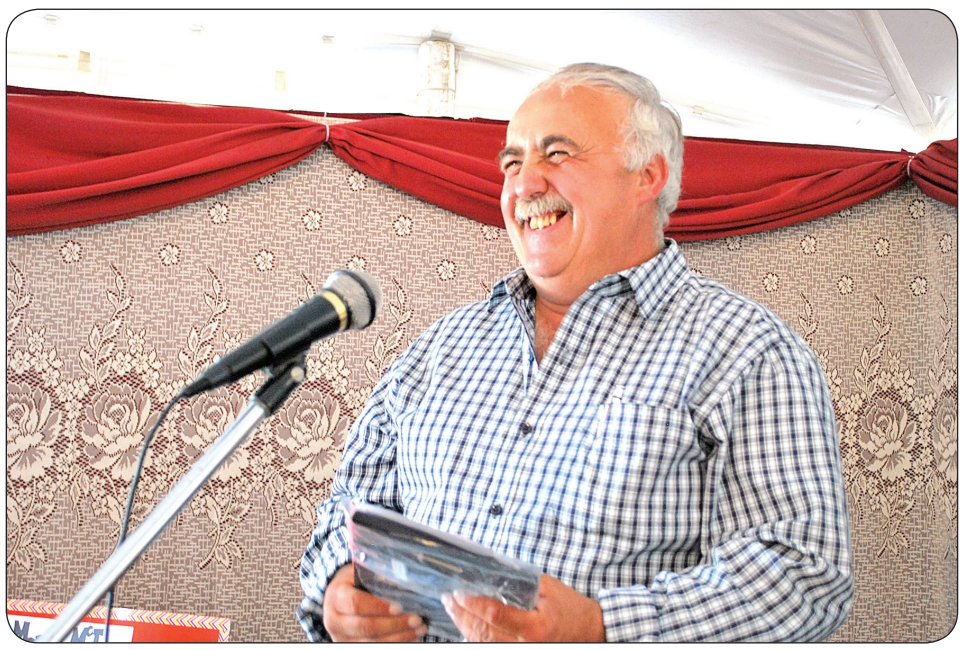
"There were indications of the altercation between the bear and dog on the gravel driveway, damage to a vehicle bumper also occurred," she wrote in an email. "A site inspection by staff identified the presence of attractants and evidence that wildlife had made previous visits to the property to forage. Staff visited multiple neighbouring properties, providing advice/suggestions on ways to limit attractants on their property, door hangers including the reporting line phone number and website."

Kowalski said the MNRF is not attempting to locate this bear, since its behaviour was defensive, not predatory.

"Bears will defend themselves in an encounter with a dog (or any other animal) or in an encounter with humans," she wrote. "There were many non-natural attractants in the area including garbage and birdfeeders. The best way to keep bears out of your neighbourhood is to manage anything that is attracting them."

The OPP would like to remind people that bear encounters in Haliburton County are not uncommon and should always be treated with extreme caution.

For more information please visit Ontario.ca/bearwise, or contact the bear reporting line at 1-866-514-2327.



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Doug Pearson, perhaps best known as Kinmount's Loonie auctioneer, was named the community's Citizen of the Year during a ceremony at the Kinmount Fair on Aug. 29. / Chad Ingram

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Time to vote for your favourite: The 2014 Evergreen Award

Erin's Editions

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It's almost time to vote for your favourite Evergreen Award title! The Evergreen Award nominees have been flying off the shelves since they were announced in February, and the time has come to choose your favourite. Starting at the beginning of October, watch for voting stations at your local branch for the Haliburton County Public Library and vote for your favourite title. You don't have to have read them all, but in case you want to catch up, here are some one-line synopses of the contenders:

An Inquiry into Love and Death by Simone St. James

Jillian Leigh ventures to a secluded seaside village to investigate the ghostly encounter that took her uncle's life, and confronts her own ghosts in the process.

The Cat by Edeet Ravel

Tormented by grief, single mother Elise finds a reason to live after the loss of her young son, in the form of his beloved cat whom she is determined to care for.

Cinnamon Toast and the End of The World by Janet E. Cameron

As his final year of high school ends, Stephen Shulevitz finds himself falling in love with exactly the wrong person leading to a journey of tumultuous self-discovery in his small Nova Scotia town.

Flee, Fly, Flown by Janet Hepburn

Determined to escape their stifling Ottawa nursing home and battling dementia, Lilian and Audrey recruit a homeless young man to take them on a cross-country road trip.

The Inconvenient Indian by Thomas King

Thomas King delves deeply into the history of Native and Non-Native relations in Canada mixing humour and heartbreak to give new insight into a story that's centuries old and a story for a hopeful future not yet realized.

The Massey Murder by Charlotte Grey

Exploring a murder that shocked a nation, Charlotte Grey examines WWI era Toronto as the city is captivated by the murder of Charles "Bert" Massey by his maid Carrie Davies.

The Painted Girls by Cathy Marie Buchanan

Three sisters struggle to survive a life of poverty and exploitation in Paris during the Belle Époque, with one sister's trials at the ballet being immortalized by the artist Edgar Degas.

The River of Stars by Guy Gavriel Kay

In 12th Dynasty Kitai, the fates of a warrior, a free spirit, and an emperor collide in a tale of intrigue, romance, and war under the river of stars.

The Silent Wife by A.S.A. Harrison

As Jodi and Todd's marriage crumbles around them, their rivalry ultimately proves fatal with one turning into a killer.

The Stop by Nick Saul and Andrea Curtis

A small urban food bank is transformed from a last-hope refuge to the inspiration for a movement to revolutionize our food system.

It is interesting to see the already popular and Friends Gala title *The Painted Girls* has been checked out over 150 times, followed by *The Silent Wife*, and then *Flee, Fly, Flown* which was featured at the Friends' Lunch n' Learn in April. While local popularity doesn't guarantee a provincial win, Linwood Barclay and Terry Fallis are both past Evergreen winners and were also voted Haliburton County's favourites.

I know which book will be getting my vote in October, but I will have to wait with everyone else to hear whether the winner is a local favourite again in 2014, or a complete surprise.

Hike Haliburton is a celebration of music

The Hike Haliburton Festival, now in its 12th year and the largest hiking event in Canada, is presenting several performances of live music on and off trails. On Sept. 18 to 21, the hills will be alive with sounds of hikers and music.

"The Hike Haliburton Festival is so much more than the 60 guided hikes. It is a celebration of art, nature, heritage and community," says Amanda Ranson, director of tourism, County of Haliburton.

The Festival gets underway with local favourites, Sheri Hawkins and the Tuba Divers. They will be performing at the Blast Off Barbecue, the Festival's official opening on Thursday evening, Sept. 18 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. They offer an eclectic mix of bluegrass, swing, big band, jazz, country, and their own brand of rock burlesque.

James Keelaghan, called Canada's finest singer-songwriter by many, will take the stage on Friday night at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton on Friday night, Sept. 19. For almost a quarter of a century now, this poet laureate of the folk and roots music world has gone about his work with a combination of passion, intent and intensity, and curiosity.

Local favourites, Trio Cappuccino (Ed Poropat, Sue Shikaze, and Thom Lambert) are Keelaghan's special guests. This immensely talented group describe themselves as "three friends with a love of harmony, good wine, and a fine story - a superb harvest, lovingly blended, expertly roasted and served with style in a handmade cup."

Betty and the Bobs are coming back to the Haliburton Highlands for a rare performance! This "super group" (David Woodhead, Wendell Ferguson, Suzie Vinnick, Katherine Wheatley, David Matheson, Soozi Schlanger and Rich Greenspoon) will be performing at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton on Saturday night, Sept. 20. Their mandate is to do all the songs they have ever wanted to do and this includes a bunch of old tunes they grew up with – country, blues, R&B, Beatles, gospel, old jazz, as well as some wacky original songs.

For those who prefer their music on the trail, join the Trail Troubadour hike on Sunday morning. With a guitar on his back, singer/songwriter David Archibald will lead hikers on a musical journey along the trails at the Frost Centre. Participants will stop from time to time to hear a tune, sing-along, and soak up the scenery. Archibald's music will celebrate the heritage of the Frost Centre and the wonders of our natural world. Some members of Betty and the Bobs plan to hike on Saturday and Sunday and may be inspired to share a spontaneous song or two en route

The Festival wraps up with a Sunday afternoon concert by David Archibald at the Last Step Lunch. Archibald delivers energetic, highly entertaining performances prompting audiences of all ages to laugh, clap, shout and sing along to his hilarious and clever songs.

Tickets for the above performances can be purchased at www.madeinhaliburton.com or the Tourist Information Centre in Minden (12340 Hwy 35). James Keelaghan can also be purchased at Organic Times in Minden and the Photo Shop in Haliburton. Visit www.hikehaliburton.com for more information or to register for the Festival.

Musician David Archibald will lead the Trail Troubadour hike Sunday, Sept. 21.

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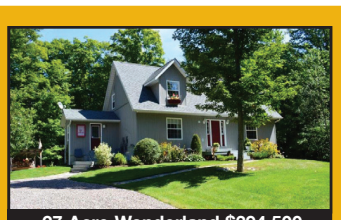

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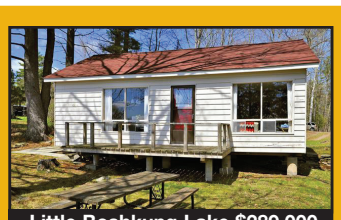

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• Total 1000 square ft in 2 bdrm + bunkie
• Rock face frontage/deep water
• West facing sunsets, flat lot

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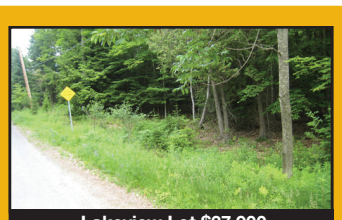

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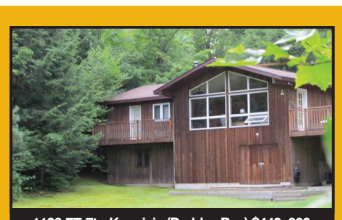

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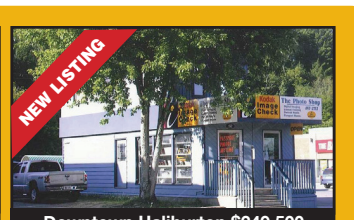

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Halls Lake $499,000

• 2500 sf 3+1 bdrm year round 2 storey home
• Gorgeous lake view & 160 ft of deep water
• Separate garage with attached bunkie
• Meticulous and neat as a pin

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• Rustic hand hewn cottage; West exposure
• Spectacular deck with amazing views
• Typical Algonquin-style lot; mature hemlocks

Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28

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• Easy access, level lot, big lake view
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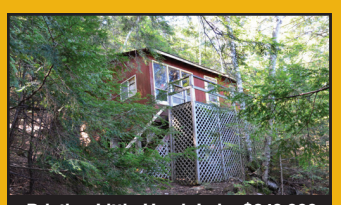

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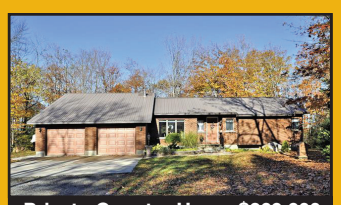

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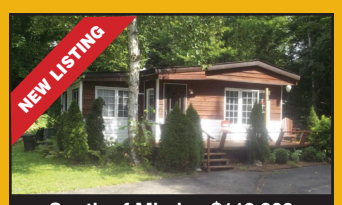

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• Pe[illegible]e[illegible]stream
• Insulated b[illegible]ideal hobby farm location

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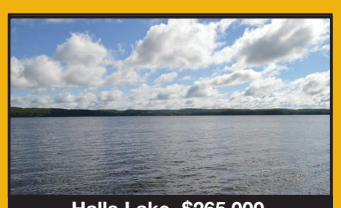

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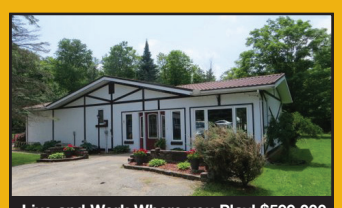

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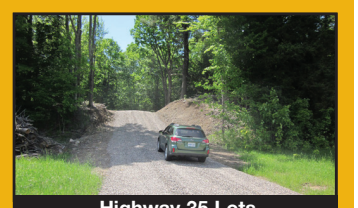

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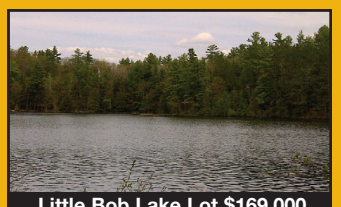

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• 1000+ sq. ft. of living space
• Private level lot with wade-in sand shoreline
• Renovated bath, screened room, laminate flrs.

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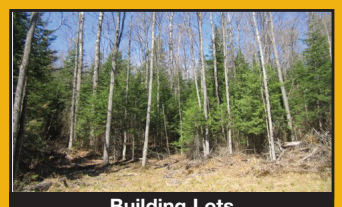

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First ever Ontario-wide septic system survey: win $500

If you use a septic system at your house or cottage, Green Communities Canada wants to hear from you. By filling out a quick and easy 15 minute online survey, you can enter to win $500 towards septic system upgrades, effluent filter installation, maintenance or repairs. The survey can be found at www.tinyurl.com/septic-survey until Sept. 30.

There is a glaring lack of data about septic system users across Ontario. To fill this gap, Green Communities Canada is conducting this survey to learn about the types of systems in the province, how they are used, maintained, repaired, and replaced, and how people make decisions about their systems.

Most people don't want to think about where the water goes when they flush the toilet. In cities and towns it is carried away to a municipal sewage treatment plant, where it is managed by trained professionals. But for the 1.2 million households in Ontario that use septic systems, wastewater is treated onsite and remains a personal responsibility.

Properly functioning systems are often invisible: out of sight, out of mind. However, failing systems can cause bacterial contamination of wells, and algae blooms in nearby lakes. They can cost well over $10,000 to replace.

Septic system construction is regulated under the building code, but maintenance, including pumping and inspection, is up to the homeowner. Some regions have mandatory septic inspections every five years by the municipality or conservation authority, and some have grants to help property owners conduct necessary repairs and upgrades, but these are variable across the province.

How old is your septic system? Have you ever had it inspected or pumped out? Do you feel confident that you understand how the system works? How do you know when it's time to maintain your system? These are some of the questions you'll be asked.

Survey results will be kept anonymous and used to inform the development of a future program which will engage rural homeowners in septic system maintenance, upgrades, and repairs in order to protect their drinking water, property values, and the environment.

Please share with your neighbours, family and friends who use septic systems. The survey will be open only until Sept. 30.

The survey, the first of its kind ever conducted across Ontario, is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs.

Contact: Clara Blakelock, coordinator of water programs, Green Communities Canada, cblakelock@greencommunities-canada.org.

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Fleming College's fall continuing education calendar is now available and showcases the range of courses and certificates that offer professional development opportunities.

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One such certificate, the online writing for professionals, helps develop writing skills in a broad spectrum of work related business communications.

Core courses hone grammar and spelling and focus on both technical and business report writing, while electives give participants options in refining writing styles in a variety of applications, from professional and concise business documents to web-based communications.

The online leadership development series offers managers (or those aspiring to management) courses such as employment law, project management, finance, human relations, and performance management. Business certificates at Fleming College include human resources management, records and information management, office administration, and small business accounting as well as individual courses in financial management, and entrepreneurship.

A new workshop in mental health first aid focuses on support during a mental health crisis until appropriate treatment is found or the crisis is resolved. The course is open to the general public and teaches valuable skills that can prepare anyone to step in when a mental health related situation occurs.

New workshops for health care professionals start this fall. In-class professional development for personal support workers has been developed as a result of industry requests. There are also new workshops that include assisting with medication, gerontology and palliative care.

Online certificates continue to see strong enrolment. The children's mental health certificate has been popular with professionals in education as well as health-related occupations, while certificates in hospital nursing unit secretary and medical office support staff can open doors to a specialized job market. the food service worker certificate, which is required in health care settings, is offered in-class in Cobourg with an option to fast track. This certificate is also available online.

Not all courses are geared solely to professional development. Several fun and interesting courses can be found at each campus as well as online. Photography courses exploring your camera, exploring photographic styles and perfect portraiture continue to be popular. Shutterbugs will find new courses focusing on fashion, mastering light and abstract at the cobourg campus.

Many of Fleming's language courses are now available online in addition to in-class options. Try French, German, Italian or Spanish. Sign language courses are available at the Peterborough campus and are endorsed by the deaf community.

The Haliburton School of The Arts is once again bringing its series of popular one-day workshops to Peterborough this fall. Held on Saturday, Oct. 18, these include Visual Merchandising for Retailers – Beyond Ordinary, Japanese Sumi-e, Jewellery from Found Objects, Lino-Cut, Choral Singing and Harmonica. New this year, are three courses that will run a full week from Oct. 20-24: Dry Stone Structure, Expressive Arts: Exploring Relationships, and Jewellery.

For outdoor enthusiasts interested in learning hands-on skills, try Fleming's workshops at the Ken Reid Conservation Area. The Hike Leader and Leave No Trace certifications are new this year. And the college continues to offer Wilderness Survival, GPS Navigation and Edible Wilds courses.

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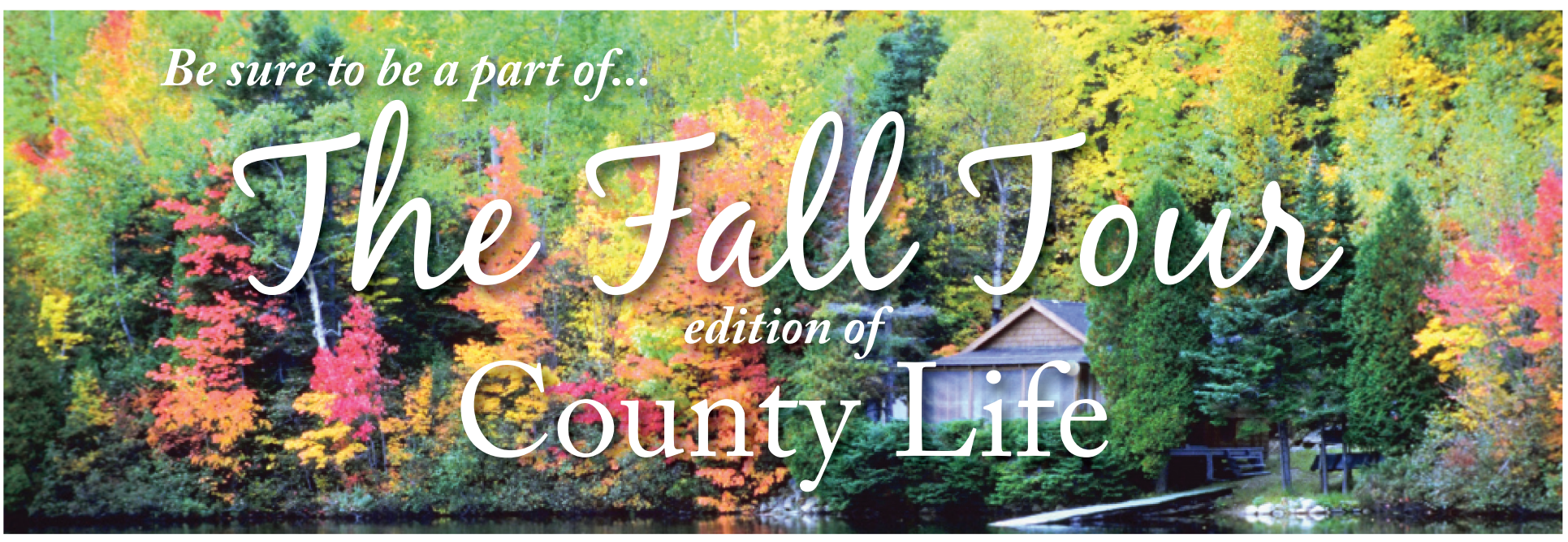

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Help take back the night

By Darren Lum

Take Back the Night is one way to give a voice to raising awareness about sexual violence, said teenager Sydney Feir.

"I think Take Back the Night is very important because sexual violence is not talked about as much as it should be. I feel like it is more whispered about then [spoken aloud], and that needs to change. This event is a very good start to getting this recognized," the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student said.

Show your support and help raise awareness about sexual violence towards women by coming to this year's Take Back the Night event, the Light Your Way Walk at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 18 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's track.

Feir attended last year's event and wants to come out again and hopes for more people.

"I look forward to more people coming out this year because it is very important and should be supported within our community," she said.

Karen Basciano of the Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre (KSAC) said this event needs everyone's support.

"It's important because it raises awareness around that issue and it was great to see last year we had lots of male allies come out and support us and people in the community. We're hoping to see more this year," she said.

Every year, Basciano said, the third Thursday in September marks a Take Back the Night event in Canada.

Haliburton is one of four locations holding a KSAC facilitated march and rally on the same night.

The other locations are in Peterborough, Cobourg and Lindsay.

Like last year, the rally will begin with a few words from two women and a male "ally" followed by the march on the pathway adjacent to Head Lake to the Head Lake Park, Basciano said.

In 1978 Canada held its first Take Back the Night in Vancouver, B.C.

Basciano welcomes everyone to attend the evening event.

"Anybody that would love to attend we would love to have them," she said.

For more information contact Karen Basciano at kbasciano.ksac@nexicom.net or 705-748-5901.

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Take a walk on the wild side with mushroom hunters

By Darren Lum

Mushroom expert Pat Burchell and other mushroom hunters are about the only people in Ontario who have greatly appreciated this summer's cool and wet weather.

Burchell, who is leading the upcoming Mushroom Walk from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the 500-acre nature reserve, the Dahl Forest on Saturday, Oct. 4, said these are ideal conditions for mushrooms.

"Mushrooms need rain, so the cool wet summer has been good for mushroom hunters. You won't find much if it is hot and dry," Burchell wrote in an email.

The walk is part of the series Nature in the 'Hood: Discovery Days led by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council, including funding support from The Gosling Foundation.

The retired teacher and librarian has always been interested in nature, but started to focus on mushrooms after she met her late husband, who was an amateur mycologist – person who studies mushrooms –and photographer.

Burchell knows the area well because her family has had a cottage here since the 1930s.

"Haliburton County is a great place to look for mushrooms because of its diversity of habitats and forest types, and many natural areas open to the public, like the Dahl Forest," she writes. "The mushroom season lasts from May to October, with the greatest diversity usually in September. I've been visiting the Dahl Forest since 2009 on my own and with groups, and we have found around [close to an estimated 90] different mushroom species. During the walk on Oct. 4, I hope we will be able to find at least 30 to 40 species."

Burchell has been a member of the Mycological Society of Toronto (MST) since 1985. She has held several positions on the board of directors, including president from 2009 to 2011.

The MST past president has given talks and led mushroom walks for MST and a number of other groups, including Haliburton and Kawartha field naturalists, Hike Haliburton and the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. I also teach a course in mushroom identification for MST members.

Although admission is free, donations are welcome.

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Hike Haliburton Festival

When: Thursday, Sept. 18 to Sunday, Sept. 21
For details visit or email tourism@experiencehaliburton.com for pre-registration. This is the signature hiking event of the year. Sixty guided hikes, four concerts, Blast Off Barbecue, Last Step Lunch, Photo Scavenger Hunt, Kount Your K's Kontest, and other community events.
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Haliburton County Studio Tour

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Come visit artists' studios while enjoying the spectacular autumn colours in the Highlands.

Dated Events

Haliburton Concert Series - Trio '86

When: Saturday, Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
Trio '86, a clarinet, viola, and piano trio, presents music by Mozart, Schumann, Bruch, and Kurtág. Refreshments and an opportunity to meet the musicians follows. Tickets are $30 adults, $10 students. Contact June Smith at 705-457-3272 or june.smith705@gmail.com

Spaghetti Dinner

Maple United Church
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Preparation for Breastfeeding Class

When: Monday, Sept. 15, 6 to 8 p.m. Where: Ontario Early Years Centre, 83 Maple Ave., Harco Plaza, lower level in Haliburton Village. This free class provides information, tips and support on breastfeeding for parents. To register, call the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391 or toll-free 1-866-888-4577.

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Monday: 1 pm Bridge
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Bid Euchre: 1 pm start
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Thursdays:
Gen. Meeting: Second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 pm All members urged to attend
Ladies Auxiliary: Last Thursday of the month at 1 pm
Fridays:
Meat Draw: Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 pm, Last draw at 6:30 pm, Tickets are $2 per draw…Chester Howse, MC
Saturdays:
50/50 Draw: 4 pm draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Sundays:
Breakfast: Second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 am – 1 pm $6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

Upcoming Events: 'An Evening of Bluegrass' featuring Hard Ryde Saturday September 20th starting at 6:30 PM – Includes buffet, raffle and 50/50 draw all for just $25 per person or $30 at the door. Tickets available at the Legion or call Linda 705-447-2348.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, call the Legion today for more information 705 457 2571
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Weekly Activities

Monday	Bid Euchre	7:00pm
Tuesday	General Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Fun Darts	7:30pm
Friday	Pool	1:30pm
	Jam Session	7:30pm
	Come to play or listen to great music	
Saturday	Meat Draw 2:00pm	-5:00pm
	Early Bird 3pm sharp	
Sunday	L.A. Breakfast	9:00am-12:00pm

Upcoming Event: Veteran's Dinner Saturday September 27th
5 pm Cocktails, 6pm Dinner
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Wednesdays: Meat Draw at noon, $8 buys 8 chances for butcher-quality meat

Ladies Darts start again on **Thursdays**

Coming Events Branch 636

September 16 Golf Tournament with 11am shotgun start. $50 per person is payable at the Legion Clubroom, includes cart, BBQ lunch and prizes afterwards at Legion. There will be a partial rebate for walkers.

Sept 15-20 Legion Week. On Wednesday 17th Membership committee member available to take your Early Bird renewal and to answer questions from those interested in joining the Legion.

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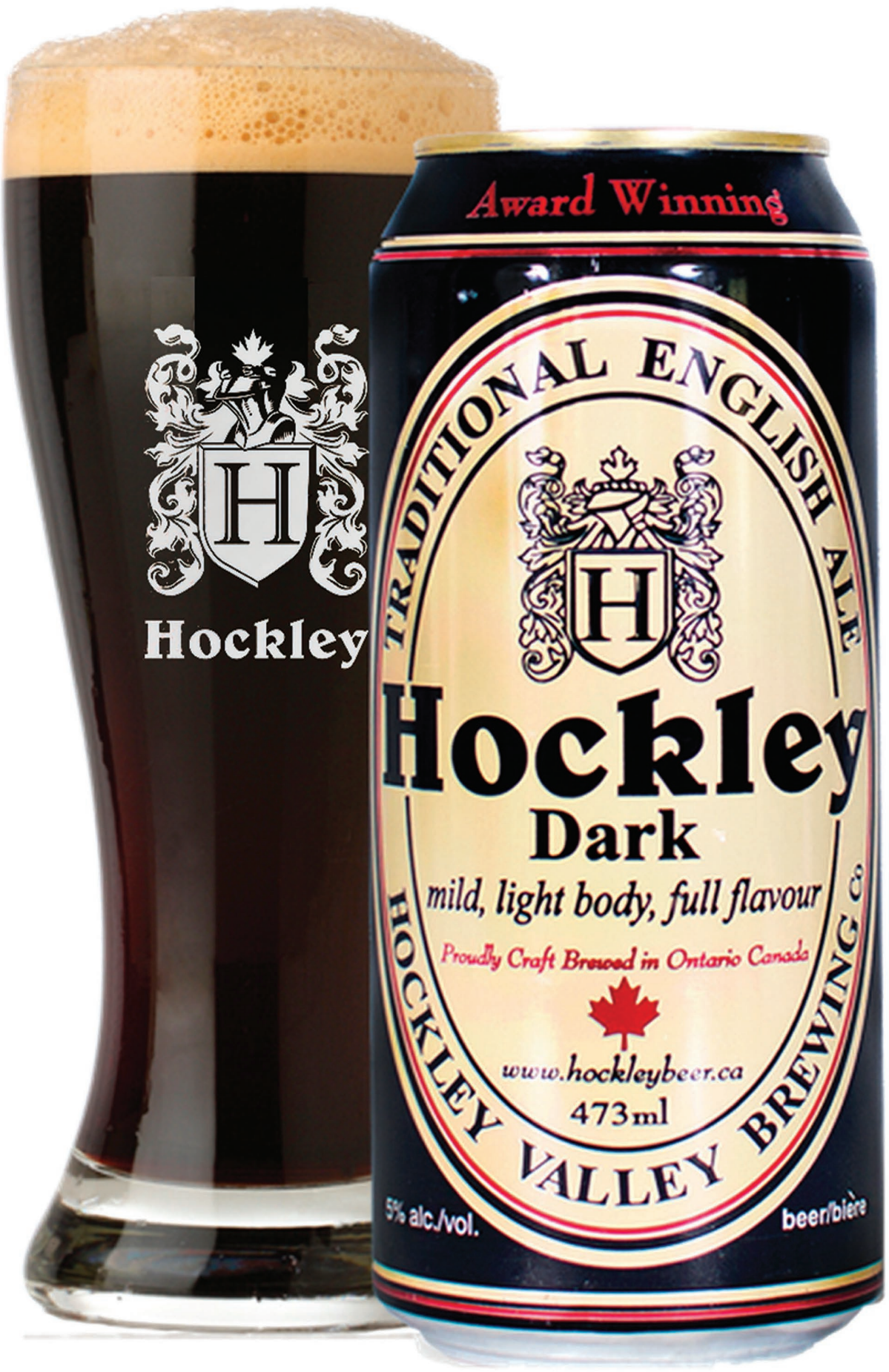

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Parkinson SuperWalk organizer looking for participants

By Darren Lum

Dave Graham is not one to shy from challenge.

Even with cancer Graham is driven by love for his wife, Val, to organize the second Parkinson SuperWalk for Haliburton for Parkinson Society Canada on Sunday, Sept. 21.

Although most people know the disease through celebrities such as actor Michael J. Fox or boxer Muhammad Ali, Graham lived with it by caring for his wife while on Canning Lake.

He took care of her when she was afflicted with Parkinson's until he couldn't do it anymore. Now she also has Alzheimer's disease. He visits her a few days at a time every month at her care facility in Guelph.

The SuperWalk event represents a way for him to help others.

"I'd like to give something back. Especially after attending these [Parkinson] conferences in Toronto and London and seeing how other people deal with it. There are people who are really bad with Parkinson's," he said.

Every year there are close to 14,000 participants for the Parkinson SuperWalk, which is the largest national fundraiser for Parkinson Society Canada. In 2013, the national effort raised close to $3 million for more than 100,000 Canadians who live with Parkinson's.

Graham invites everyone, particularly high school students, to participate in the event.

"It's not [just] an old person's disease. When you see a 20 year-old girl with Parkinson's it's not a pretty sight … you want to do something," he said.

Young people should inquire about any family history of Parkinson's. Teens may want to walk for their relatives, he said.

Parkinson's is a disease without a cure.

It is a progressive disorder of the nervous system that initially affects movement.

Everyone is affected differently, but some of the symptoms include tremors, slowness and stiffness, impaired balance, fatigue, problems with handwriting, constipation and sleep disturbances. Additional symptoms can also include cognitive and behavioural effects. Medication is used to treat symptoms.

Unlike last year, when Graham had only a couple of weeks to organize the Haliburton event, he hopes the more than three months of extra time will result in surpassing the 30 participants and the $1,700 raised for the inaugural year.

He credits Karen Boyer, facilitator for the Northern Ontario Parkinson Society with helping him. Graham said he'd be happy with anything more than $2,000 this year.

Haliburton was among the best of any first year for a SuperWalk.

The money, which all goes to the northern Ontario region of Parkinson Society Canada (which geographically starts with Haliburton) helps with advocacy, support, research and awareness through education.

Some of that comes in the form of support groups like the one he leads monthly with upwards of 20 people in Haliburton.

"Everybody benefits," he said, referring to those with the disease and their caregivers.

Although this event helps the northern Ontario region specifically, there is research happening all over the world to find a cure.

"Everybody is looking, but it's like finding that needle in the haystack," he said. "It will be found one day."

Five volunteers have already committed, but Graham invites more to join him to help with setup and registration.

On a past cross-country train trip with his wife, he was amazed at strangers who made reference to the generosity of people in Haliburton County.

"While out on Vancouver Island we heard out there [in the conversation] how generous the people in Haliburton and Haliburton County were," he said. "They weren't quite sure where Haliburton was, but they'd heard about the generosity of the people in Haliburton. That's true because we're supposed to be the poorest in Ontario, but people always come forward with something. The support is amazing. Sometimes it just blows me away."

He's always impressed and proud of the people for their support and help to causes in Haliburton. He doesn't expect anything less for the SuperWalk.

The SuperWalk starts at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21 at the Haliburton library branch. Registration is at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be available.

For more information on the event and how to help, whether volunteering or through sponsorship contact Dave Graham at 705-457-1296.

Purina Walk for Guide Dogs Sept. 20
The Haliburton and District Lions Club Purina Walk for Dog Guides on Saturday, Sept. 20. The walk starts at the village square in Haliburton with registration at noon and the walk at 1 p.m.Pledge forms are available on the Lions website. Type "Haliburton and District Lions club and follow the prompts for the e-clubhouse. If you don't have a dog then come for the walk and enjoy the lively music and tasty treats at the Lion's barbecue and bake sale. Contact: Lions member Mary Lawr at 705-448-1128. File photo by Darren Lum

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The rules of hunter orange

Living Large

Humour by Steve Galea

The other day I was well on my way to taking a mid-article nap when a car full of kids drove by with loud hip-hop music blaring from the speakers. I wouldn't complain about this, except for the fact that I live in Haliburton and they were somewhere in Carnarvon. Yes, it was loud.

In any case, I always try to look for the positive in any situation. So, imagine how pleased I was when I heard the artist repeatedly talking about his HO.

Look, I may not be young and hip anymore but even I know he was referring to his Hunter Orange. Kids these days like to use short forms. LOL, right?

This reminded me that by the time October rolls around, satellites will have to put on sunglasses when passing over our county. The reason, of course, is that a full 98 per cent of the population will be wearing HO during the autumn months.

With that in mind, I thought it would be best to go over the things you should know about hunter orange.

1. First, always use the long form when complimenting people on their hunter orange. I'm not really sure why that's the case, but I found out the hard way after quipping, "Nice HO you got there!" to a large fellow who was with his wife.
2. When you are trying to hide from a big fellow, it's best to lose the hunter orange – unless, of course, you see a crowd of people in hunter orange. Then run for them.
3. Never wear hunter orange to formal occasions. You'll look like a hick when others walk in wearing their finest formal camo.
4. Never wear hunter orange before Labour Day. Otherwise, you'll look like you don't know anything about fashion.
5. If you are walking through the bush during the hunting season and wearing only a hunter orange cap, place it over the spot you least want a bullet hole through. Otherwise, wear the legal required amount.
6. If you are trying to hide while wearing hunter orange and are my size or smaller, I highly recommend standing still among a few road pylons.
7. If you are a private investigator or spy trying to covertly tail a person, lose the hunter orange the minute you hit an urban area.
8. Women love hunter orange – just not at the altar.
9. If you see a person wearing anything but hunter orange during the first two weeks of November, they're not from around here
10. Remember even Santa Claus loves hunter orange. Why else would his tagline be "Ho! Ho! Ho!"?

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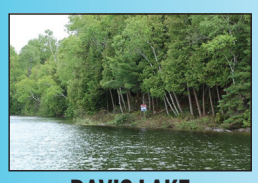
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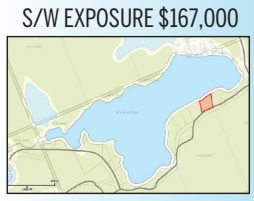
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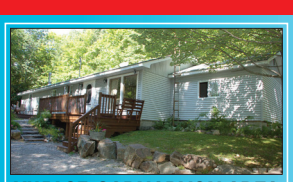
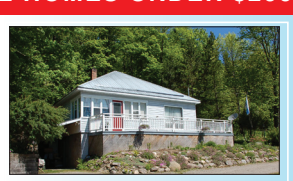
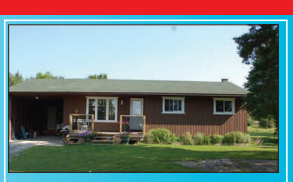

HWY 35-CARNARVON AREA
3BR bungalow on 2+ ac lot. Treed privacy. Upgrades. Well insulated & efficient FAP heating. Shows pride of ownership great house!
$198,800

RURAL HOME
Start or retire with 2up/2down BR's, carport, workshop. Recent upgrades, sunny level lot.
$188,900

COUNTY ROAD 21 HOME
Great location, close to Haliburton. Backsplit with brick fp & cathedral ceilings. Att dbl carport, sunny level lot.
$194,500


EAGLE LAKE VILLAGE
Neat as a pin! Perfect for young family or retirement. Separate dining, hardwood flrs, 3BR, main flr laundry. Sunroom. Full basement. Walk to public beach.
$168,000

WILBERFORCE HOME
3.8 Ac. Well maintained, near Clement Lake, 3BR home w/full unfinished basement. Most furnishings included for a great starter home!
$155,000


PAYNES ROAD
15 minutes east of Haliburton, 3BR home on sunny level 1.3 ac lot. Many upgrades done in the past 2 years.
$145,000